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Shop owners buying water from BBMP RO plant to sell it to customers at triple the amount making mockery of facility set up for public

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From nearly 100% storage in November, water levels in major reservoirs already shrink to 60%, raising concerns for upcoming summer

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As Rs 1,000-crore redevelopment projects are going on at city's major railway terminals, experts advocate for better crowd management strategies, emergency preparedness, display boards and more...

RIGHT ON TRACK

Clear navigation systems, a must, say experts

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Bengaluru's major railway terminals—KSR Majestic, Yeshwantpur Junction, and Cantonment Railway Station—are undergoing a massive Rs 1,000-crore redevelopment project aimed at modernising infrastructure and enhancing passenger experience. As work progresses at these high-footfall stations, experts emphasise the need to integrate improved safety features and navigation systems, particularly to assist first-time visitors.

"Yeshwantpur and Bengaluru Cantonment stations are being redeveloped under major upgradation works. KSR Bengaluru station is also planned for an upgrade into a world-class station. These are major upgradation projects. In addition to this, 19 stations in the Bengaluru Division are being upgraded under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme," a railway official said.

However, experts stress on several key aspects which should be implemented as part of the redevelopment plans. One of the key concerns highlighted by experts is the lack of clear navigation systems. Inadequate signage, missing visible maps, and unclear directions make it difficult for passengers to find their way, especially those unfamiliar with the stations.

> **"Poor acoustics, low-quality announcements, often drowned out by background noise, lead to confusion and potential safety risks**
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> — Rajkumar Dugar, Citizens for Citizens

Rajkumar Dugar, Founder and Convenor of Citizens for Citizens (C4C), stressed on the need for clear signage, visible maps, and well-audible announcements to help passengers orient themselves better. "Poor acoustics, low-quality announcements, often drowned out by background noise, lead to confusion and potential safety risks. Upgrading public

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It just doesn't add up

Chief Secy tells green tribunal 1,750 tonne of C&D waste is processed daily, but not everybody is convinced this claim is true

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City-based waste management experts have accused Shalini Rajneesh, Chief Secretary to the Government of Karnataka, of submitting false information in an affidavit to the principal bench of the National Green Tribunal (NGT).

The affidavit regarding compliance with Municipal Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016, and other environmental issues was submitted by Rajneesh on February 6.

As per the affidavit, the total Construction and Demolition (C&D) waste generated in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) limits is 4,750 tonnes per day (TPD). Out of this, 1,750 TPD (nearly 37%) is being processed, leaving a gap of 3,000 TPD. However, experts say this is a false or misleading representation of the status of C&D waste management in the city. Bengaluru currently has two designated C&D waste processing facilities by BBMP. Although the total capacity of both units put together is 1,750 TPD, the amount of waste received by the units is astonishingly low.

An investigative report by Bangalore Mirror in November last year highlighted

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THINGS TO DO

01 Soulful tunes

Catch the VKB Band, a dynamic NYC trio reimagining Tom Waits' music with rich harmonies, global percussion, accordion, banjo, and guitars. **Where: Windmills When: February 21 & 22**

02 Musical escape

Ease into the weekend with Tipsy Jazz, a signature event featuring live performances by iconic artists like Chan Callie. Enjoy soulful jazz melodies, expertly crafted cocktails, and artisanal bites in an ambiance of elegance and musical brilliance. **Where: The Drawing Room at Smoke House Deli; When: February 21, 7.00 pm**

03 Laugh out loud

Get ready for an evening of non-stop laughter as Vipul Goyal, known for his sharp wit and relatable humour, takes the stage. With his signature comic style, he's sure to leave the audience in splits! **Where: Nexus Shantiniketan Mall, Bengaluru; When: February 22, 5.00 pm**

04 Drama awaits

Witness a thrilling play directed and designed by Anmol Vellani, where a woman encounters a mysterious stranger, leading to unexpected twists. A perfect weekend of entertainment and visual storytelling awaits! **Where: Ranga Shankara; When: February 20, 7.30 pm**

05 Sunday brunch

Indulge in an extravagant brunch at The Market, featuring signature dishes from The Lantern (Chinese), Riwaz (Indian), and Izu (Japanese)—a culinary journey of flavours. **Where: The Market When: Every Sunday, 12.30 pm to 4.00 pm**

Wages, jobs, security: Govt to discuss staff welfare

Karnataka will discuss welfare of long-serving contract workers on February 21, focusing on vacancies, benefits, and job stability

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A significant issue regarding the welfare of contractual and outsourced workers in government departments will be discussed in an upcoming meeting chaired by the Chief Secretary of the Karnataka state government. The meeting, scheduled for February 21, will focus on concerns raised by the Government Employees' Union about the performance and quality of services provided by these workers across various departments.

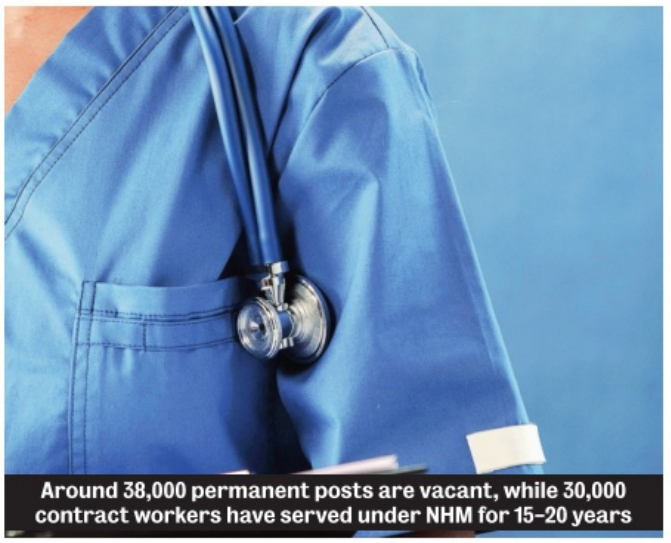
Srikanth Swamy, the President of the Karnataka State Health Department Contract and Outsourced Workers Union pointed out that thousands of workers in various government departments, including the health sector, are employed on contract and outsourced terms with minimal benefits and low wages. These workers, who have been serving for many years without permanent job security, are often treated unfairly despite their vital contributions to public welfare.

Swamy said, "These contract and outsourced employees have been faithfully performing their duties for years, especially in departments like health, where they were instrumental during the COVID-19 crisis. Many even sacrificed their lives while ensuring the public's health, yet they have received no financial assistance or support for their families."

He further added, "The contract and outsourced workers, not only in Karnataka but across the entire country, have been serving under extremely low wages and without benefits for many years. These workers serve under the direction of Chief Ministers, Ministers, and senior officials in various departments, performing their duties with utmost dedication despite a lack of support. However, we fail to understand why such issues are being raised now. Discussing such matters between workers who work in the same environment is unjustifiable."

During Covid-19, many contract workers risked their lives, yet their families received no support or relief

It was also pointed out that approximately 38,000 permanent positions are vacant, yet about 30,000 contract and outsourced workers have been serving with dedication for the past 15-20 years under the National Health Mission. During critical times, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, these workers risked their lives to serve the public without hesitation, and many lost their lives in the line of duty, leaving their families in difficult situations. Despite this, neither the government nor the government employees have extended any financial support or alternative employment opportunities to their families.



Around 38,000 permanent posts are vacant, while 30,000 contract workers have served under NHM for 15–20 years

Swamy pointed out that the discussions should not focus on criticising contract and outsourced workers. Instead, discussions should focus on the disparity in wages and benefits between permanent and contract workers, the vacant 3 lakh positions in various departments, and the need for the phased permanent absorption of medical, paramedical, and office staff who have been serving under these terms for years.

Providing social security benefits to NHM employees

Meanwhile, the National Health Mission (NHM), Karnataka, has taken a significant step towards ensuring the social security and financial well-being of its workforce by introducing comprehensive Personal Accident Insurance and Term Insurance coverage for all direct contractual employees. This initiative has been made possible through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between NHM and a bank.

The initiative will benefit approximately 25,000 direct contractual employees. Working across NHM programmes against the 28,400 approved posts, ensuring financial security for them. Meanwhile, the NHM Contractual Employees had repeatedly requested inter-district transfers. In response to this long-standing demand, the health department revealed a policy is being formulated to allow a one-time inter-district transfer during their service period. An official order regarding this will be issued soon.

Karnataka chirps its way to the top five in bird count

Bengaluru's campuses log 355 bird species in Great Backyard Bird Count, with IIHS Kengeri recording highest at 101; Muthanallur Kere emerges as city's top birding hotspot

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Karnataka, with 387 bird species, has improved its position in this year's Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) event. As per the preliminary list, Karnataka ranks fifth among 37 states and union territories that participated in the bird counting event conducted across the country between February 14 and 17.

387 species have been recorded at 35,425 hotspots across the state through 3,097 checklists submitted thus far. "Although the event is over on Monday, checklists are still pouring in, and data is being updated. The number of species and sightings is expected to increase by the time the final report is collated. The results of GBBC 2025 are expected to be ready in a month or so," said a GBBC coordinator.

Out of the total 387 species recorded in Karnataka, Bengaluru Urban logged 244 species through 1,729 checklists. The city has also recorded 590 hotspots, with Muthanallur Kere, Hessaraghatta Kere, Muthyalamaduvu, Pearl Valley Dam, and Jigani Kere in the top five lists.

While 124 bird species were seen in and around Muthanallur Kere, 110 species were recorded from Hessaraghatta Kere and Muthyalamaduvu, 109 from Pearl Valley Dam, and 108 bird species were recorded from Jigani Kere.

City campuses take lead

Educational campuses in Bengaluru have recorded an astonishing count of birdlife so far. Five campuses from the city - Indian Institute for Human Settlements (IIHS) Kengeri Campus, Gandhi Krishi Vigyana Kendra (GKVK) Campus, GKVK Campus Botanical Garden, Bangalore University Campus, and Christ University Main Campus, participated in the event and recorded 355 bird species.

IIHS Kengeri Campus led the way with 101 species, followed by GKVK campus in North Bengaluru with 95 bird species, GKVK Campus Botanical Garden with 73 species, Bangalore University with 51, and Christ University with 35 bird species.

In the 2024 GBBC event, the GKVK campus with 113 bird species, the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) campus (58 species), and Christ University Main Campus (43 species) were featured amongst top campuses across the country in terms of over ten participants, total species, and most commonly reported species in each of them.

Indian scenario

Out of the total 7,912 bird species recorded from across the globe, India, with the second-highest checklist of 51,790, recorded the third-highest number of bird species (1,081). This year, West Bengal recorded the highest number (555), followed by Uttarakhand (453), Assam (420), Maharashtra (419), and Karnataka (387).

Doc goes to cops after woman seeks meds to kill mom-in-law

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Accused said to have texted doctor looking to get prescription for deadly tablets

The Sanjay Nagar police on Monday have registered a complaint against a woman after she messaged a doctor seeking help to kill her mother-in-law.

According to the complaint filed by the doctor identified as Sunil Kumar, the accused messaged him asking for a prescription for tablets which could kill her mother-in-law. The accused managed to get the number of the doctor from Instagram and the accused also stated reasons that her mother-in-law is elderly and was harassing her.

The doctor, shocked by the statement, replied to the accused saying that a doctor is supposed to save life and not to kill or recommend such an act.

The doctor filed a complaint and also submitted the chat history and her contact details. The police tried to reach the number but it was switched off.

The police suspect that it was either a prank call or the woman was not in her senses. The police are trying to track the location through call records. Further investigations are underway and necessary action will be taken, police officials said. **Atiya Firdos**

Taken on Thailand trips, to be turned into drug mules

The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) Bengaluru Zonal Unit has intercepted and arrested five individuals at Kempegowda International Airport for smuggling high-grade cannabis, commonly known as hydroponic weed, from Thailand.

The operation led to the seizure of approximately 20 kg of contraband.

During interrogation, it was revealed that the arrested individuals, aged between 25 and 35, were used as mules by a transnational drug syndicate operating between Thailand and India. These individuals were reportedly lured into trafficking by unknown persons who sponsored their leisure trips to Thailand, under the condition that they carry a bag back to India.

According to officials, the traffickers misled the carriers by falsely assuring them that cannabis trade was not a punishable offence in India and that arrangements would be made for their release if caught. The NCB believes this strategy was a key part of a larger international drug smuggling network.

Public advisory

The NCB has issued a public advisory warning citizens against falling prey to such deceptive schemes. The agency has clarified that possession of cannabis is a serious offence in India under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act and carries a punishment of up to 20 years in prison.

Authorities have urged the public to exercise caution and refrain from carrying baggage handed over by unknown individuals without verifying its contents. Additionally, the NCB has requested citizens to report any suspicious activities, particularly offers of sponsored trips abroad in exchange for carrying goods, through the MANAS helpline number 1933. **Atiya Firdos**

Building tilts after basement cave-in

A two-storied residential building in Thippasandra tilted dangerously after its basement caved in on Wednesday evening due to ongoing excavation work at an adjacent site. The incident occurred around 4.58 pm, prompting residents to rush out as the structure began trembling. The building leaned to the right, posing a risk to nearby structures. Fire and NDRF teams reached the spot and evacuated the residents safely. JB Nagar police are overseeing the situation, coordinating with BBMP officials on potential demolition.

Panchayat officer nabbed at airport

The Channammanakere Acchukattu police arrested dismissed Panchayat Development Officer Yogendra on Wednesday after he was detained at Bengaluru International Airport upon his return from Sri Lanka. A lookout circular had been issued against him for multiple cheating cases.

Yogendra had initially escaped after defrauding a man of Rs 17 lakh by promising a government job. Despite being arrested and later dismissed from his post in Yellapura, he continued his scams, duping a businessman of Rs 1.35 crore through a cryptocurrency scheme before fleeing to Dubai and later Sri Lanka.

Based on a complaint in VV Puram, police secured an arrest warrant and tracked him down. He has been remanded to judicial custody.

Earth-mover crushes child to death

A two-year-old was fatally run over by an earth-mover when he was playing outside on Tuesday evening under the Mahadevapura Traffic Police Station limits.

The accident took place around 6.30 pm near Balaji Diamond City in Seegehalli. According to the police, the earth-mover was being driven recklessly when it struck the child identified as Pavan Reddy. The boy was rushed to the nearest hospital but was declared brought dead. His parents, both employees of a private firm, filed a complaint against the driver, who was arrested. Police confirmed the driver was not under intoxicated. **BMB**

Rajnath Singh convoy obstruction: 1 held

The suspect who tried to obstruct the convoy of Union Minister of Defence Rajnath Singh, was arrested by the Cubbon Park police on Wednesday.

The accused, identified as Ahmed Dilwar Hussain, tried to drive past Singh's convoy which moved near the Anil Kumble circle on February 9. **BMB**

Too many ads before film screening: Consumer court puts theatre in dock

A Bengaluru resident won a consumer case against PVR and INOX (now merged with PVR) for displaying excessive advertisements before film screenings, which he claimed was a waste of his time.

According to Bar and Bench's report, Abhishek MR initiated legal proceedings against PVR Cinemas, BookMyShow and INOX for showing approximately 25 minutes of advertisements before the film's start, during his visit to watch Sam Bahadur in 2023.

The consumer court has directed PVR to display the actual film start time on tickets, rather than the time when advertisements begin. The complainant stated that the extended advertisement duration caused delays, disrupting his work schedule.

The district consumer forum determined that PVR and INOX should not engage in unfair practices by showing lengthy commercial advertisements during scheduled film time. However, they absolved BookMyShow of responsibility as they do not control showtimes or advertisement broadcasts.

The court emphasised that time has value and no entity should profit from others' time and resources.

"Spending 25 to 30 minutes watching advertisements is a significant waste of time, especially for individuals with tight schedules. People seek entertainment for relaxation, but that does not mean they have no other responsibilities," the court observed.

Following this ruling, the court has instructed PVR and INOX to specify actual film start times on tickets, cease unfair trade practices, and restrict advertisement duration. The court awarded Rs 20,000 to Abhishek for mental distress, Rs 8,000 for complaint filing expenses, and Rs 1 lakh as punitive damages.

PVR INOX justified their practice by referencing government mandates for public service announcements before films, though the court noted these guidelines specify a 10-minute limit.

The complainant documented the advertisements as evidence. While PVR INOX contested this as an anti-piracy violation, the court rejected this argument, noting only advertisements were recorded to highlight a widespread concern.

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Bengaluru citizens push for manhole geo-tagging

Following Ahmedabad's lead would make maintenance and repair of drainage infra smoother, civic experts say

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Bengalureans are now urging civic agencies to adopt the Ahmedabad model for geo-tagging manholes in the city's drainage system. The Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) recently introduced a GPS-based system for accurately tagging manholes following the failure of a previous mobile application due to discrepancies flagged by engineering officials.

AMC officials explained that the new system will develop a drainage laser module for manhole tagging, ensuring precise location data for each one. So far, 35,000 manholes have been tagged in Ahmedabad at a total cost of Rs 14.85 lakh (Rs 42.45 per manhole). The AMC highlighted that identifying manholes has been a significant challenge, particularly when they are obscured by road resurfacing. The GPS tagging system aims to resolve this issue by assigning each manhole with a unique identification number, making them easier to locate. Additionally, AMC officials expect the Differential GPS (DGPS) system to enhance the overall efficiency of maintaining and repairing the city's drainage infrastructure. With the success of the Ahmedabad model, citizens of Bengaluru are calling on local authorities, including BBMP (Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike) and BWSSB (Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board), to implement a similar initiative to improve drainage system management in the city.

Chandan Shivakumar, a civic activist, said, "I urge the immediate implementation of a GPS-based geo-tagging system for manholes across the city, similar to the successful model recently adopted by Ahmedabad. Bengaluru's rapid urbanisation has brought with it a host of challenges and one of the most pressing issues is the difficulty in locating manholes, especially after road resurfacing or construction projects." He highlighted that there have been numerous instances where delayed or missed manhole repairs have led to flooding, traffic disruption, and accidents that could have been avoided.

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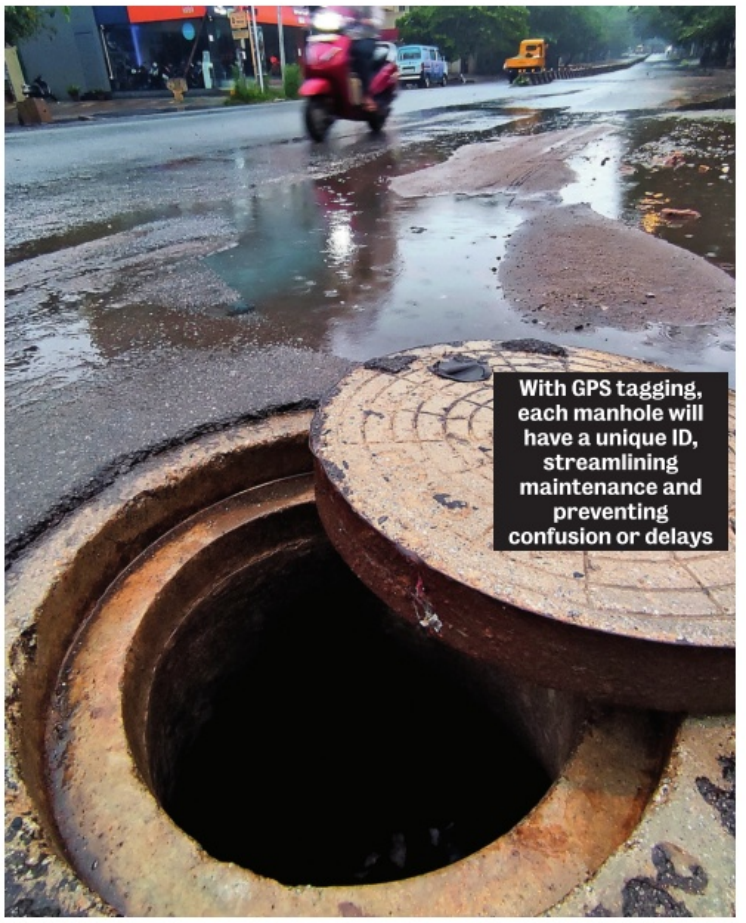
> – Chandan S, activist

By adopting a system that uses DGPS to accurately geotag every manhole in Bengaluru, he said that the maintenance of the city's drainage infrastructure could be revolutionised. This system would allow BWSSB to quickly locate manholes, even when they are hidden or covered, and provide a precise reference for future repairs, cleaning, or emergency response. He said that the current method of manually locating manholes is not only time-consuming but also prone to human error. With GPS tagging, every manhole will have a unique identification number, ensuring no confusion or delays in maintenance work.



With GPS tagging, each manhole will have a unique ID, streamlining maintenance and preventing confusion or delays

Radhkia M, a college student, added, "Ahmedabad's pilot project has demonstrated that such technology can be implemented effectively, reducing both the time and cost of manhole maintenance. For Bengaluru, where urban flooding and sewage issues are recurring problems, implementing this technology could be a game-changer." She opined that it would not only improve the efficiency of the civic bodies but also enhance public safety. "I call on the BBMP and BWSSB to take immediate action and invest in this GPS-based solution. This is not just a matter of convenience but a critical step towards building a safer, more efficient Bengaluru for all," she said.

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The Pollution Control Machine at Malleswaram Circle, near Kuvempu's statue, stands above a pile of rubbish and dust. One can't help but question if it's even functional.

Vanished transit

RT Nagar

The 108B bus stop in RT Nagar has become a private parking lot. Despite spending lakhs on its renovation, buses are nowhere to be seen.

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BNP demands five-year mayoral term for B'luru

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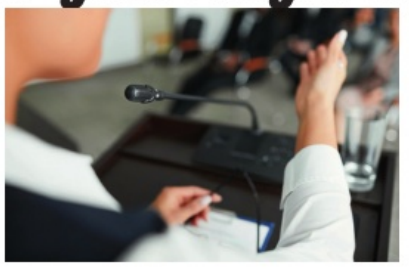
The Bengaluru NavaNirmana Party (BNP) recently slammed Congress for not keeping Rahul Gandhi's public promise to establish directly elected Mayors with five-year terms and elected councils and for specialists and experts accountable to them to improve quality of life in cities, a word given by him in a tweet dated April 1, 2019.

BNP submitted key amendments to the Greater Bengaluru Governance Bill 2024 to the Rizwan Arshad panel overseeing the Bill and made recommendations at the public consultation meeting on the Bill held a few days ago. The BNP also submitted its proposals to 22 decision-makers, including the Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister, Chief Justice of the Karnataka High Court, and the Supreme Court.



Srikanth Narasimhan, Founder and General Secretary of BNP, said that the Bill must incorporate the vision of an effective, accountable, and autonomous city government that is relatively free from State government control. "The empowerment and autonomy of city governments is constitutionally mandated. We are, hence, seeking only the execution of constitutional guarantees. Nothing outside it. We believe all political parties and governments should initiate this devolution. We understand that many considerations preempt this. BNP wishes to overcome these in its vision of better urban management," he said.

Narasimhan, who is also the founder of Bangalore Apartments' Federation, a community of Resident Welfare Associations, has influenced several government policy changes by rallying more than 1,000 apartment communities comprising 3 lakh households over critical civic issues like water, drain and waste management, refurbishing broken roads, and holding to account policymakers on delivery of services like water, electricity, garbage management and execution of projects.

He said that the Mayor has to be elected for a five-year term (similar to PMs and CMs) and must have the power to appoint a Mayor-in-Council that will collectively decide on municipal governance (as per the proposal of the Brand Bengaluru Committee). Additionally, he said that the Chief Commissioner/Commissioner must be appointed by the Mayor who they would be accountable to.

Shops make a killing of BBMP's RO plant water

Store keepers fetch water from plant, sell it to customers at triple the price

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A provision store worker fills up bottles from the RO plant in a park at Vignana Nagar

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has established around 600 Reverse Osmosis (RO) plants across the city to provide clean drinking water to residents, especially those who cannot afford to buy water from private suppliers, at an affordable price. However, some shop owners have found a way to make easy profits by exploiting these RO plants.

During a visit to an RO plant located in a park in Vignana Nagar ward, this correspondent witnessed a man filling 12 water cans. The man, who works at a provision store, admitted to regularly fetching drinking water from the RO plant. "I pay Rs 10 per 10 litres and sell it for Rs 25 or Rs 30," he said.

The RO plant is reportedly maintained by a private entity. "We collect Rs 10 per 10 litres of water. You can also avail of this facility if you want," said a woman managing the plant.

When asked why she was charging Rs 10 instead of Rs 5 per 10 litres, she advised contacting the BBMP or the private company that had assigned her the responsibility of maintaining the plant.

Meanwhile, a person claiming to be from India Water Private Limited stated that the company had installed the RO plant, while the BBMP was supposed to supply raw water. "The BBMP has not supplied raw water. We are buying it from private suppliers and selling it after treatment. We cannot determine whether the people drawing water from this RO plant use it for drinking or commercial purposes," he said.

Former Vignana Nagar ward corporator SG Nagaraj highlighted that the primary purpose of these RO plants is to provide drinking water to residents who cannot afford private suppliers. "The company managing the RO plant is not supposed to sell water to shops for commercial purposes. I will direct the BBMP engineer to look into the matter," he assured.

Residents of Basava Nagar, Ramaiah Reddy Colony, Vignana Nagar, and surrounding areas have demanded the BBMP authorities to put an end to the commercialisation of the RO plant and they want the BBMP authorities to ensure that drinking water is available to residents at a fair price.

"It is shocking to know that some shop owners are getting water from the RO plant for Rs 10 per 10 litres and selling it for Rs 30. The BBMP and elected representatives must ensure that the RO plant provides drinking water at subsidised rates for poor and middle-class families," said Basavaraj, a resident.

The BBMP Assistant Executive Engineer told BM that he would visit the spot soon. "I will look into the matter," he said.

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MBBS student from Kashmir alleges ragging

A second-year MBBS student who hails from Anantnag, Kashmir, alleged that he was ragged and assaulted by senior students at a medical college in Karnataka. The Jammu and Kashmir Students Association (JKSA) has called for the immediate intervention of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, demanding swift legal action.

The ordeal began when the victim, who had been attending a cricket match between senior and junior batches, was ordered by a senior to leave the vicinity. Though he complied, the student, a cricket team captain for the 2023 batch, was targeted by a group of seniors. These students humiliated him, forcing him to perform inappropriate acts for their amusement and attempting to coerce him into their car.

National Convenor of the JKSA, Nasir Khuehami, shared details of the incident,"What started as verbal intimidation quickly turned into outright bullying. The victim, attempting to assert his right to be near the field, was met with aggression and physical violence." —BMB

SSLC exams: No cheating, students

Measures to prevent SSLC exam malpractice: Control rooms & webcasting

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Students at an SSLC exam centre (file photo)

The Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB) is taking strict measures to prevent malpractice during this year's SSLC exams. To minimise cheating, the board has decided to open control rooms at the taluk level and implement webcasting in examination centres across the state.

HN Gopalakrishna, Director of KSEAB, said, "We have instructed district commissioners to set up control rooms at the taluk level this year. This will play a crucial role in preventing cheating."

The SSLC exams are scheduled to take place from March 21 to April 4. A total of 9.11 lakh students have registered for the exams, which will be conducted at 2,750 exam centers across the state, with over 1,000 of them located at the taluk level. The introduction of webcasting and taluk-level control rooms is expected to significantly curb malpractice.

A KSEAB official noted that, "In 2023, webcasting was implemented at the district and state levels, allowing control rooms to monitor student movement and send alerts through the system. This initiative led to a notable reduction in malpractice, prompting the board to extend webcasting to taluk centers for 2024. The move is particularly focused on reducing group cheating in northern Karnataka. As a result, the state recorded a 73.70% pass rate in 2024, with 6.08 lakh out of 8.25 lakh students passing. Though this marked a decline of 10.49% compared to the previous year, officials believe the increase in students registering for re-examinations indicates that stricter monitoring is deterring malpractice."

This year, 9.11 lakh students have registered for the SSLC exams, compared to 8.6 lakh in 2023 and 8.4 lakh in 2022. The pass rate for 2024 stands at 73.4%, a decrease of 10.49% from last year. Despite the decline, the board remains confident that the additional measures will help maintain the integrity of the examination process.

To ensure the smooth execution of the webcasting initiative, the Department of Education requires additional officers, as many are already engaged in various exam-related duties. The board has held meetings with district commissioners, urging them to assign officers from various departments to oversee webcasting and ensure seamless monitoring of the exams.

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Water reserves drop below 70%, summer scarcity feared

Cauvery basin has seen water levels drop from nearly full to 60%, raising concerns; experts warn of further depletion due to high temperatures and evaporation, stressing need for judicious water use

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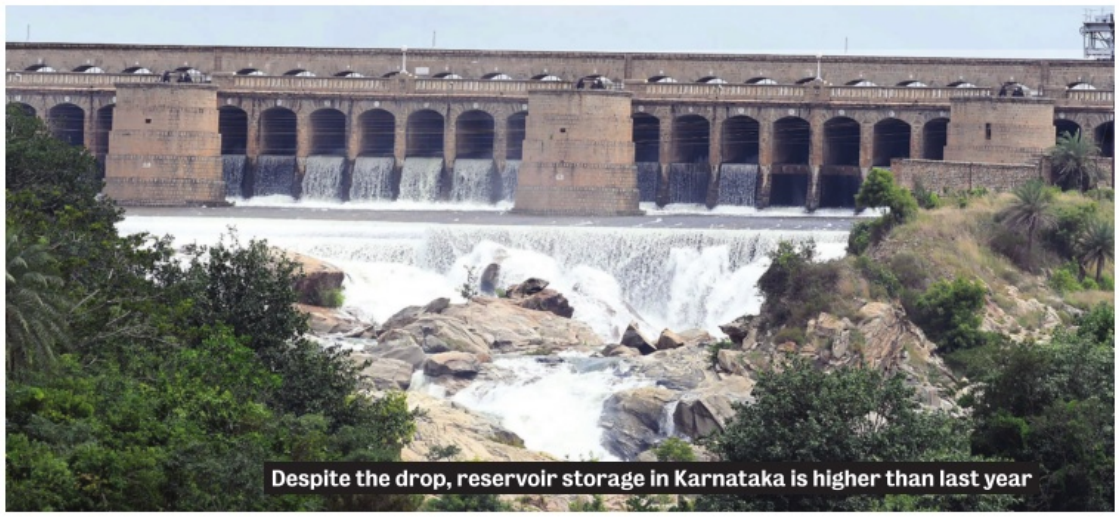

Despite the drop, reservoir storage in Karnataka is higher than last year

Water levels in Karnataka's major reservoirs, including the Cauvery basin, have started to drop.

From nearly 100% storage in November, the levels have already shrunk to 60%, raising water security concerns in the upcoming summer. The Karnataka State Natural Disaster Management Centre (KSNDMC) data shows that the four Cauvery Basin reservoirs hold less than 70% of their storage capacity.

While Harangi is at 45% of its total storage capacity, Hemavathi has 57%, Kabini is at 78%, and KRS, an important reservoir for Bengaluru, the current water storage is 78% of its total capacity. While the total capacity of all four reservoirs, namely Krishna Raja Sagara (KRS) Dam, Harangi, Hemavati, and Kabini, is 114.57 TMC, they are currently holding 78.34 TMC of water.

Experts say reservoir levels are expected to drop further over the coming days. However, if used judiciously, water scarcity during summer months can be avoided.

"Any inflow to reservoirs will be generated only during June and July. A few rain spells in between now and then will not impact reservoirs' storage level. Thus, it is important to ensure that the available water is used judiciously. There should not be any mismanagement in the water supply. Roughly calculated, Cauvery Basin reservoirs will need at least 16 TMC over the next four months for drinking water purposes for all major cities and 625 villages in the basin. Out of this, Bengaluru will need 8 TMC," said Dr GS Srinivas Reddy, former director of KSNDMC.

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Experts also point to high temperatures causing excessive evaporation. According to Dr Reddy, given the current temperature range of 32 degrees to 35 degrees Celsius, evaporation loss from reservoirs over the coming four months is expected to be to the tune of 0.7 metres.

"A reservoir loses up to 6mm of water every day due to evaporation. Given extraordinarily high temperatures in February itself, evaporation loss is expected to be higher, and reservoir levels are expected to collapse further," added Dr Reddy.

Better than last year

While water levels are dropping, the current storage levels in all major reservoirs in Karnataka are higher compared with last year.

The today capacity of the 11 major reservoirs is 895.62 TMC, and the current storage level is 538.95 TMC, compared with 333.82 TMC last year. When it comes to Cauvery Basin reservoirs, the current water level is 78.34 TMC in comparison to 46.087 TMC last year.

Brand new Google campus in Bengaluru

Tech titan Google on Wednesday inaugurated its new campus in Bengaluru, which is touted to be among its largest offices globally.

India has always played the role of a strategic nerve centre in the tech discourse, the company said, adding that this is "evident in the thriving startup and app ecosystems, the digital public infrastructure that's transforming life for hundreds of millions of Indians, and the depth and diversity of Indian creators."

"Today, we are excited to share another major milestone in our ongoing commitment to India, with the inauguration of Ananta -- one of Google's largest offices globally," Google announced in a blog post.

For two decades, Google said it has played a role in facilitating transformation further -- through AI-powered flood forecasting, specialised AI models to catch tuberculosis early, and helping millions of people join the formal economy with Google Pay, among others. "Increasingly, we have been building from India, for the world," it said.

The new campus named 'Ananta', meaning 'infinite' or 'limitless' in Sanskrit, signifies the boundless potential the company sees to improve lives through technology. **– PTI**

2 units receiving hardly any waste from city

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that Between April and October 2024, both the C&D processing units in the city had received barely 10,000 tonnes of C&D waste for processing. Rajesh Korah, co-owner of both units, had informed BM that while 461 tonnes of the waste was received in April, 696 tonnes was sent for processing in May, 776 tonnes in June, 390 tonnes in July, 1,628 tonnes in August, 2,233 tonnes in September, and 3,690 tonnes in October. Roughly calculated, these numbers translate to 47.6 tonnes of waste every day being sent for processing, against Rajneesh's claim of 1,750 tonnes per day.

Sources say the units are still receiving more or less the same amount.

"The two units are hardly receiving any waste from the city. Only in November last year, as an exception, nearly 17,000 tonnes, which is a little over 500 tonnes a day, reached these processing plants. Rajneesh has tried to deceive NGT by stating the capacity of the plants as the total waste being processed. Such misrepresentation by a senior government official to NGT points to all that is wrong with the system," said a source.

Experts also point to the current gap in the amount of C&D waste generated and the capacity of processing units. Notably, the affidavit informs the tribunal that BBMP has prepared detailed project reports to establish C&D waste processing units under four packages, each package to handle 750 TDP of C&D waste in the public-private partnership model, and the tenders are invited and in process.

"To effectively manage C&D waste generated in the city, we need C&D waste processing units that can process 4,750 tonnes per day. Although BBMP has invited tenders to set up waste processing units, it has recorded zero participation so far," said a reliable source.

The Karnataka government's draft policy for effective management of C&D waste in the state, including Bengaluru, expected to come into effect from April 1, 2025, mentions penalties for illegal disposal. The document has proposed a penalty of Rs 8,000 per ton of C&D waste dumped on bulk generators.

"The provision to penalise bulk C&D generators for illegal dumping should be strictly enforced. If BBMP imposes this fine on defaulters, the total amount per day would be to the tune of Rs2.5 crore. The majority of the waste being generated in Bengaluru is from service providers such as BMRCL, NHAI, Indian Railways, airport authorities, CPWD, GAIL, BBMP, BWSSB, BESCOM, KPTCL, BDA, PWD, etc. However, none of these agencies are paying penalties," said a city-based solid waste management expert.

Some ideas to manage crowds better

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announcement systems to ensure clarity, which is vital for smooth operations and passenger safety, is recommended," he told BM.

Safety protocol

To accommodate increasing foot traffic, experts advocate for better crowd management strategies. This includes improved segregation of passengers and visitors, as well as more structured movement guidance within stations. Additionally, experts recommend the installation of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs), first-aid stations, and clearly marked emergency exits. Regular staff training on first aid, CPR, and disaster management—at least once every six months—is also suggested to enhance emergency preparedness. Digital display boards at key points within the station are another proposed improvement. These screens can help direct passengers effectively, reducing congestion and maintaining order, particularly during peak hours.

Measures for crowd management

Meanwhile, railway officials have already implemented several crowd management measures at key stations, including KSR Bengaluru, Yeshwantpura, SMVT Bengaluru, and Krishnarajapuram. These stations are crucial as they serve as departure points for many trains heading toward North and North-East India, railway officials noted.

"To ensure smooth operations, designated officers and supervisors are stationed round the clock for continuous monitoring. Nominated staff are deployed at specific platforms to manage passenger movement efficiently. The Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel also work closely with station staff to maintain order and facilitate hassle-free travel," a railway official said.

Additionally, railway authorities are closely monitoring electronic display systems for accurate coach positions and regulating unreserved ticket issuance to prevent congestion. Adequate ticket-checking staff have been deployed for smooth operations. Special measures are in place for trains to North and North-East India, including Prayagraj, ensuring seamless travel. Expert recommendations in redevelopment plans aim to enhance passenger safety, convenience, and overall experience.

K'taka is second in terms of number of disease outbreaks

Karnataka records 223 outbreaks; 1,862 in India

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Karnataka has reported the second highest number of disease outbreaks in India, with 223 outbreaks recorded so far. Kerala tops the list with 253 outbreaks, followed by Maharashtra at 208 and Madhya Pradesh at 140. In total, India has reported 1,862 disease outbreaks. Anupriya Patel, Minister of State for Health, emphasised that "prevention of and preparedness against pandemics is a shared global responsibility" while responding to a question.

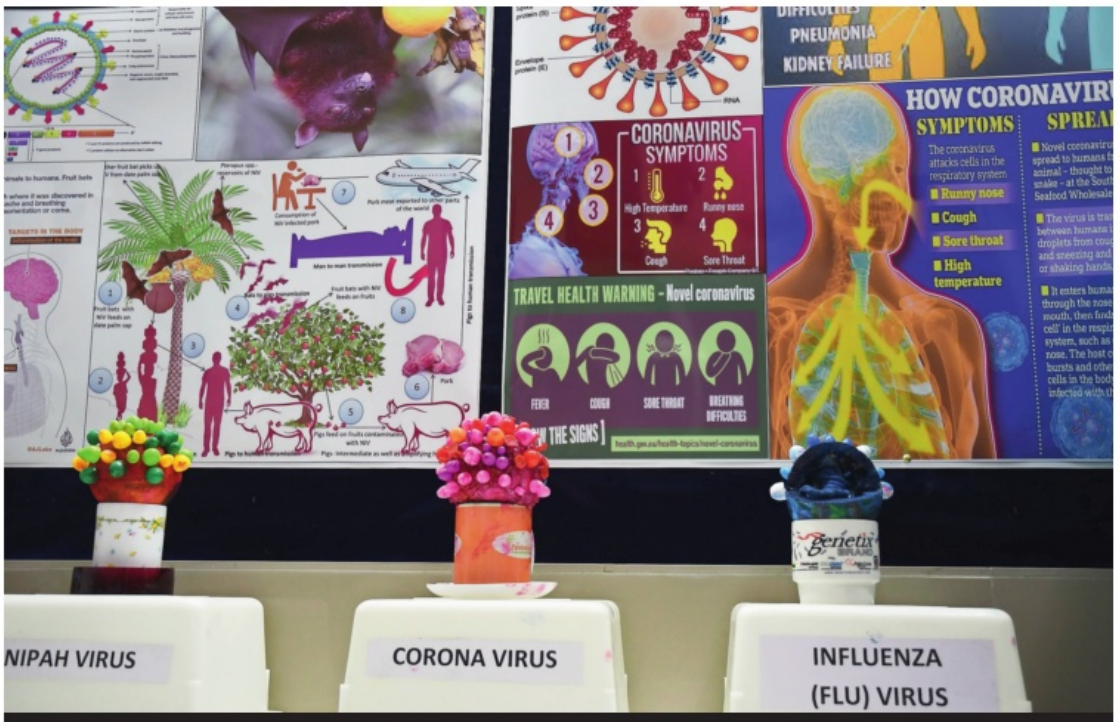
The Union Ministry of Health offers necessary support to states and UTs to strengthen their capabilities in order to better prepare for future pandemics or public health emergencies in the country. The ministry has bolstered the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP), which enables a decentralised system of response through trained multi-disciplinary Rapid Response Teams to implement required public health control and containment measures.

The IDSP, now under the Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP), has been enhanced to utilize advanced data modelling and data analytical tools, featuring real-time data reporting accessible at all levels. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched the IHIP portal on April 5, 2021, designed to capture case-based data of more than 33 health conditions, including special surveillance of ILI/SARI, COVID-19, and Monkey Pox. It offers a single operating platform for public health surveillance at district, state, and national levels, with all 36 states and UTs having completely migrated to the IHIP portal.

States have strengthened laboratories at district and state levels under IDSP for laboratory strengthening. The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has established a network of more than 150 Virus Research and Diagnostic Laboratories to enhance the nation-wide network of laboratories for timely laboratory-based diagnosis of pathogens. In addition to the apex laboratory at the National Institute of Virology (NIV) in Pune, four regional NIVs are being established in Jammu, Jabalpur, Dibrugarh, and Bengaluru. The ICMR has also developed two mobile BSL-3 laboratories to provide essential on-site diagnostic services during outbreaks, particularly in remote areas.

Furthermore, the ICMR is establishing a National Institute for One Health (NIOH) in Nagpur to conduct integrated and holistic research and development across human, animal, plant, and environmental health sectors.

The IDSP is responsible for surveillance and response to outbreak-prone communicable diseases. Any case of an outbreak-prone disease in the country is investigated as part of an outbreak investigation by rapid response teams at the district, state, and central levels, as needed.



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Lokayukta dismisses MUDA allegations, activist vows to challenge it legally

The Karnataka Lokayukta Police have issued a notice to complainant Snehamayi Krishna, stating that allegations in the Mysore Urban Development Authority (MUDA) scam case could not be substantiated due to a lack of evidence.

The notice, issued by Lokayukta SP Udesh, declares the case "not actionable," leading to the submission of a final report to the competent court.

According to the notice, Snehamayi Krishna's complaint invoked multiple legal provisions, including the Indian Penal Code, the Prevention of Corruption Act, and the Karnataka Land Acquisition Act.

However, after reviewing the evidence, the Lokayukta concluded that the allegations against the four accused individuals were either civil in nature, outside the scope of a criminal investigation, or based on misinterpretations of legal provisions.

The notice further informs the complainant that if they object to the findings, they have the right to challenge the report before the magistrate within a week. Meanwhile, the Lokayukta has initiated an additional probe into allegations of compensatory plots being allocated at a 50:50 ratio by MUDA between 2016 and 2024. A supplementary report on this matter will be submitted under Section 173(8) of the Criminal Procedure Code. With the primary allegations against the accused not proven, the MUDA case appears to be heading toward closure unless new evidence emerges. The outcome of the additional investigation will determine the next course of action.

Snehamayi Krishna slammed the Lokayukta after receiving a notice in the MUDA scam case. He alleged that officials were shielding political figures, including Siddaramaiah, despite his submission of evidence. **— IANS**

Revenue officials must comply with court orders

The High Court has ruled that Revenue authorities, as custodians of land records, must comply with civil court injunction orders regardless of their party status in the suit.

Justice Sachin Shankar Magadum, whilst hearing a petition by Suvarna challenging a Tashildar's endorsement, emphasised that non-compliance would constitute wilful disobedience and promote unlawful transactions. The bench stated, "Failure to do so would not only amount to willful disobedience of court orders but would also encourage illegal transactions in derogation of the rights of the litigating parties."

The case involved a partition suit where the civil court granted a temporary injunction against property alienation. The Tahsildar refused to record this injunction, claiming non-obligation due to the State's absence as a party in the proceedings. The Court highlighted that injunctions aim to prevent third-party interests and preserve litigants' rights during adjudication. It noted that such orders maintain status quo and prevent decree frustration through unscrupulous actions.

"The civil courts, while exercising their jurisdiction under Order 39 Rules 1 and 2 of the CPC, grant such reliefs to prevent irreparable injury, multiplicity of proceedings, and the possibility of third parties getting entangled in prolonged litigation due to unlawful alienation. It is, therefore, imperative that revenue authorities acknowledge and implement such orders to uphold the rule of law. Revenue officials declining to give effect to injunction orders on the premise that they are not parties to the suit defies logic and the fundamental principles of judicial process," it said.

The court determined that revenue authorities must comply with judicial directives without requiring party status in the suit. "Revenue records, including the Record of Rights, serve as critical documents reflecting existing legal rights, and the refusal to incorporate injunction orders merely because revenue officials were not party to the proceedings is an abdication of duty." The argument that revenue authorities must be made parties to a suit before they can act upon an injunction order is wholly untenable and contrary to established legal principles."

The court ordered immediate incorporation of the civil court injunction in revenue records and instructed the Principal Secretary to direct all revenue officers to record "not to alienate" injunctions in the "other rights" column.

—BMB

Muslim marriages: Waqf Board cites lack of law

The Karnataka State Waqf Board, authorised by the State government to provide marriage certificates to Muslim couples, has clarified to the High Court that its primary concern is ensuring formal recognition of Muslim marriages conducted under Personal Law.

The board indicated that since no specific legislation exists currently, any designated authority could be empowered to issue marriage certificates, with the main objective being formal acknowledgement of these marriages.

The Board's counsel stated that "We are not saying that board should only be given the power (to issue certificates), any authority may be given the power, the interest is to see that a Muslim marriage which has happened conventionally under the personal law, is given some sanctity for which there is no law at the moment."

The submission highlighted the current absence of legislation for registering conventional Muslim marriages. The Karnataka Marriage Registration Miscellaneous Provisions Act does authorise the government to appoint Registrars for marriage registration under its provisions.

> **Board tells court its primary concern is ensuring formal recognition of Muslim marriages conducted under Personal Law**

The Board highlighted that governmental authority exists to issue orders enabling the board to provide marriage certificates. It noted, "A Waqf officer who is a government employee in the sense who is an employee of the Board and governed by the Civil Services Rules, is empowered under a different Act to do this job."

Subsequently, the counsel requested time to submit an additional reply. The government advocate also sought time for instructions, noting the government order's issuance without proper notification.

Chief Justice NV Anjaria and Justice MI Arun, forming the division bench, instructed parties to complete their pleadings and scheduled a peremptory hearing for March 16. This directive came during a PIL hearing by A Alam Pasha, challenging the August 30, 2023 government order from the Under Secretary to Government, Minority, Wakf and Haj Department, claiming it contradicted the Wakf Act, 1995, and should be declared ultra vires.

—BMB

K'taka Govt to provide full 10 kg free rice under Anna Bhagya; ends cash allowance from Feb

Karnataka Minister for Food, KH Muniyappa, announced on Wednesday that the state government will begin providing from this month additional 5 kg of free rice promised by it under the pre-poll guarantee.

"From this month, beneficiaries will receive the full quantity of 10 kgs of rice. The central government has agreed to provide the additional supply.

We require 2.29 lakh metric tonnes of rice every month, amounting to an annual requirement of 27.48 lakh metric tonnes," Minister Muniyappa stated on Wednesday.

In view of the decision, the Karnataka government will now stop the monthly allowance of Rs 170 per individual for 5 kg of rice under the BPL scheme from this month as until November, beneficiaries were given a monthly allowance instead of rice.

"We will continue transferring the amount through DBT until January," he added.

Addressing a press conference at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru, Minister Muniyappa stated on Wednesday that although there was enough stock of rice available, the Centre had refused to sell it to the state, forcing the Congress-led government to provide a monthly cash allowance instead of rice.

"However, with Union Minister Joshi now assuring the supply of rice to Karnataka, the beneficiaries of the Anna Bhagya free rice scheme will receive 10 kgs of rice as promised in the manifesto, starting this month," Minister Muniyappa said. **IANS**

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DO TRY THIS AT HOME

10 aerobic exercises that are fun to do and work several muscle groups

Aerobic exercises can be done comfortably at home. These exercises make you move your large muscle groups for an extended period of time. They focus mainly on oxygen intake as you exercise, which gets your heart pumping. There are so many types of aerobic exercises that can be easily done within a small space.

The best part about aerobic exercises is that they are easy to do and a lot of fun! Make sure you do a few stretches and a basic warm-up to get your body started. Are you ready to have some fun with aerobic exercises at home?

1 Jumping Jacks

Jumping Jacks are great when you want to get yourself going. They help in strengthening muscles and increasing bone density. They also help increase the heart and lung capacity if done regularly.

How to do it: Stand straight with your feet together and hands by your thighs.

Once you're in position, jump with your feet spread wide and arms above your head simultaneously. Your body should be in the shape of a big cross.

Then jump back into the starting position. Do as many reps as you can for greater impact.

Tip: Instead of trying to do jumping jacks at a long stretch, divide the time and do it in sets. If you plan on doing it for 15 minutes, do 3 sets of 5 minutes each and a 2-3 minute break.

2 Stair Training

Stair running or training is a great way to boost the stamina of your cardiovascular system and tone your lower body. It mainly impacts the calves, hamstrings, glutes, and quads.

How to do it: For beginners, walking up and down the stairs for 20 minutes can be a great start.

You can increase it to up to 30 minutes according to your stamina.

For those who do not have access to stairs, you can go faster up and down reps on a single step for impact.

Tip: Start slow. It may be tiring for beginners so allow your body to rest in between before going for longer times.

3 Jogging On The Spot

You do not always need treadmills or parks for running. On-the-spot jogging is an amazing exercise that helps to improve blood sugar levels, elevates the heart rate, and burns calories for weight loss. It also boosts lung capacity and enhances the cardiovascular system by improving blood circulation.

How to do it: All you need to do is run as you normally would while remaining at the same spot. So, get some music on and start running!

Tip: It can seem monotonous to do at a stretch, so mix it up with other aerobic exercises for some fun!

4 Mountain Climbers

Want to get your abs, glutes, hips, and legs working? Just do these!

How to do it: Get into a high plank position and keep your core tight.

Now, bring your left knee up towards the center of the stomach and quickly repeat with your right leg.

Begin at a slower pace and increase gradually.

Tip: Make sure you align your body properly. You need to always keep your core tight to make it effective.

5 Burpees

If you're looking for a high-intensity exercise to make your body work more in less time, burpees are your answer. They involve the entire body and elevate your heart rate, increase your blood circulation and help build strength.

How to do it: To do a burpee, stand straight with your feet shoulder-width apart and get into a squat position.

Bend forward, place your palms flat on the ground in front of you and jump into a plank position.

Then jump back and get into the squat position again before jumping high with your arms above your head.

It is high in intensity so start with 8-10 reps first. You can take a break if it is hard for you and gradually increase your reps as you build your stamina.

Tip: It is important that you do not overdo it and start slow. You can time yourself to see how much time it takes you to do the same amount of reps to monitor your improvement.

6 Butt Kickers

Butt kicks target the glutes and hamstrings and is great to get your heart rate up and oxygen pumping.

How to do it: Stand with your feet shoulder-width apart and hold your hands in a running stance.

Kick your right leg in the direction of your butt, bending your knee in a way that your right foot tries to touch your butt.

Repeat with your left leg.

Try your best to make your feet meet your butt. It is okay if you cannot do it at first, you will slowly improve as you continue.

Tip: Make sure the floor is not slippery when you do butt kicks to avoid slipping and hurting yourself.

7 Squat Jumps

These are perfect for the lower body and enhance stability and posture. They are especially good for those who are used to hard workouts and are missing their gym time. If squat jumps are difficult, start with fewer or choose to do plain squats for a while before starting on these.

How to do it: Stand straight with your hands by your side and go for a high jump.

Quickly spread your legs and settle in a squat position as you return to the ground.

Push yourself into a jump again and repeat.

You can start with eight-10 reps and progress gradually as per your stamina.

Tip: To make it easier to come into a squat, you can start by going into the squat position before jumping so that you are clear on what position to come back into.

8 High Knees

This helps improve your breathing and elevate your heart rate, enhancing metabolism as well. They are different from on-the-spot jogging in intensity as they need you to exercise your legs more than simple jogging.

How to do it: Fold your arms at the elbow and extend them forward at waist level, parallel to the ground.

Try to bring your right knee up to your arms. Your thigh should be parallel to the ground.

Repeat with your left knee.

Start slowly and increase the pace once you're confident. Faster reps can help you burn more calories.

Tip: Make sure to keep your back straight as you do it.

9 Jump Rope

Who does not love this playful, childhood activity? Get right into it to get your blood pumping and keep your body in shape. If you don't have enough space to jump rope, you can still do the exercise, just imagine the rope. It is called an invisible jump rope, where you follow the same method without the rope.

How to do it: Do we really need to tell you? Just go for it and hold out for as long as you can. Start at least 60 seconds, and move on further from there.

Tip: Jump on your toes and try not to touch your heels to the ground as you come back from a jump.

10 Jumping Lunges

If you are looking for a move to help you tone your butt and thighs, your search ends with jumping lunges. They help in improving cardiovascular health.

How to do it: To get into position, take a huge step back and lower your hips.

Try to go as low as possible and try to touch the knee of the leg that is stretched backwards, to the ground, parallel to the front thigh.

Jump and switch your legs, repeating the same position.

For lower intensity, start with simple lunges before going to the jumping ones.

Tip: Make sure your back remains straight and your posture is right as you do the lunges.

—Femina

All you need to know about...

Nicotine addiction

Young at risk

Young adults are more susceptible to the impact of nicotine, as their bodies are more sensitive to the dangerous and highly addictive chemical than middle-aged adults, according to a new study.

In a mice study, researchers from the Pennsylvania State University in the US showed that the effects of drugs on the body -- both medication and misused substances -- change as per age.

Lowers body temperature

They stressed the need to consider this factor when developing and prescribing treatments against nicotine.

The findings, appearing in the journal Behavioral Pharmacology, showed that nicotine lowers the body temperature of young adult mice more quickly and reduces their movement more significantly than middle-aged mice.

Further, young adult mice -- aged two months – were found to respond more acutely to a nicotine dose of the same strength relative to their body size than middle-aged mice -- aged eight months.

These results indicate how the effects of nicotine change as people age, said the researchers.

Changes during lifespan

"People continue to develop and change across their entire lifespan, and this affects how our bodies respond to medications and other chemicals, including nicotine. This research adds one piece to the puzzle of all the factors -- age, biological sex, genetics, and many others -- needed to create effective medical treatments and policies for all people," said Thomas Gould, Professor of Biobehavioral Health and head of Penn State Department of Biobehavioral Health.

In the study, both young adult and middle-aged study subjects displayed decreased movement after receiving nicotine, but young adults reduced their movements more than middle-aged subjects.

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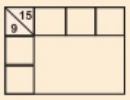
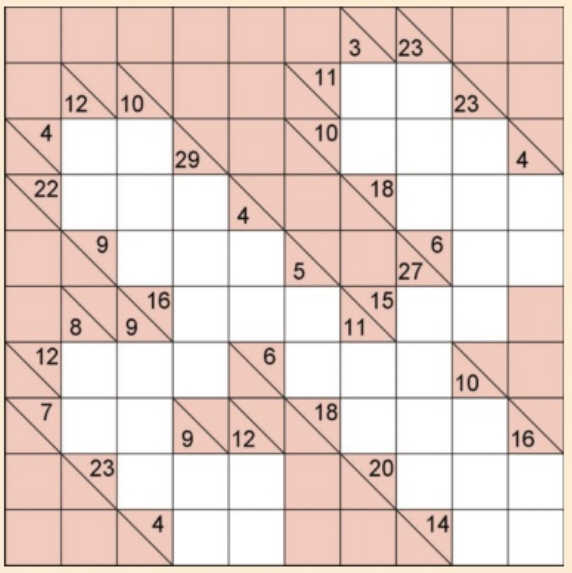
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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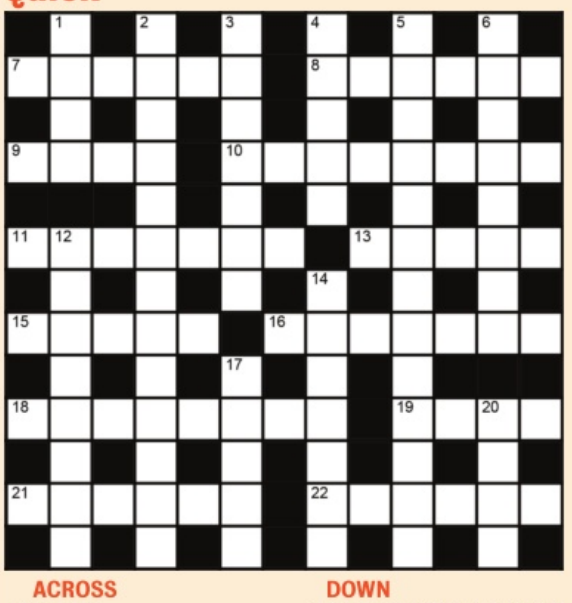


ACROSS

7 Sad (6)
8 Karnataka's popular idli variant (6)
9 Sunk fence (2-2)
10 Unable to pay one's debts (8)
11 Capital of Kenya (7)
13 Biblical king (5)
15 Stop (5)
16 Twisting out of shape (7)
18 Our former PM Dr __ Singh (8)
19 Scoff or jeer (4)
21 Relating to Spring (6)
22 Not native (6)

DOWN

1 Prefix denoting quantity (4)
2 Self-consciousness; shame (13)
3 Arabian Nights hero (3,4)
4 Foul smell (5)
5 Bird courier (7,6)
6 Resign (4,4)
12 Means (8)
14 Defiled, not blameless (7)
17 Kid (5)
20 Two-masted vessel (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: E EQUALS P

VALZH GJRHZQLDU ZJ GMLZ WJMAGHTY FDK RFDW EHJETH VLTT TLIH LZ; VALZH GJRHZQLDU ZJ GMLZ HNHAW-CJKW FDK GOFAOHTW FDWJDH VLTT OFAH YJA LZ.

Linemaro

Dating me is like being on an auto on a potholed road — one helluva ride!

Mindchow

People with the greatest advice usually have the most problems

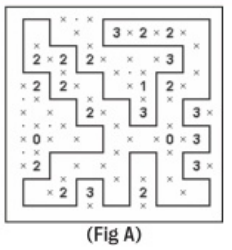
Joke of the day

When I had my surgery, the doctor gave me a local anaesthetic. I could not afford the imported kind.

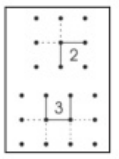
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

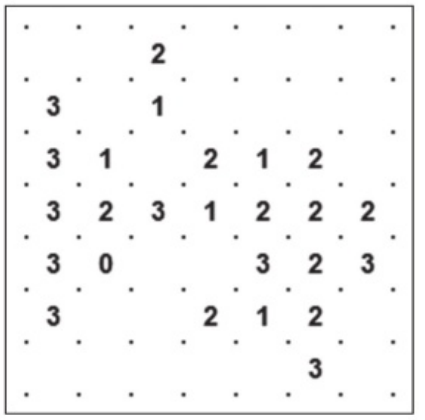


(Fig B) Not Allowed

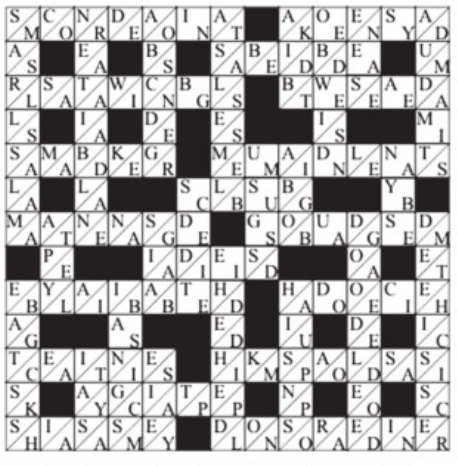
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



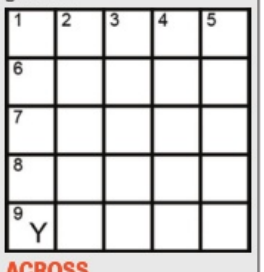
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

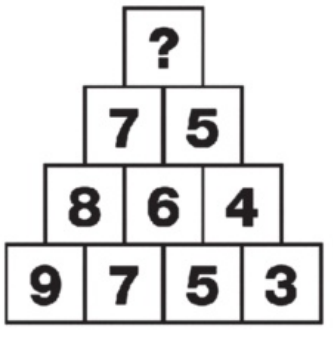
1 SS Law; 6 Chi Pi;
7 Exalt; 8 Alien;
9 Snaky

DOWN

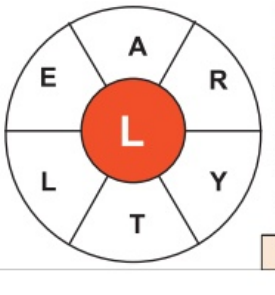
1 Plays; 2 Lanai;
3 Antic; 4 LK hew;
5 Is sex

Mensapuzzle

Which number replaces the question mark and completes the puzzle?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

19 Average; 22 Good; 25 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	6	4	8		2	7	5	
7								8
	3		9		5		2	
1			2		7			5
5			3		4			6
	9		5		3		1	
4								3
	5	2	1		6	8	7	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 8
2 7 8 9

Medium = 39
3 3 4 6

Hard = 13
3 5 7 4

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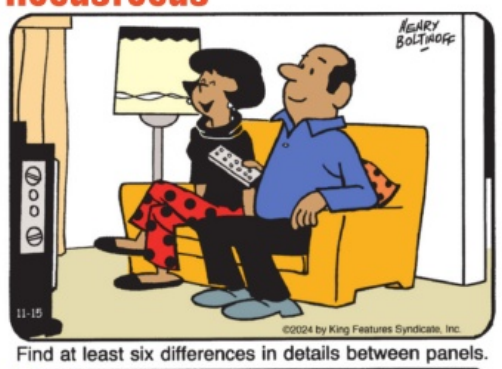
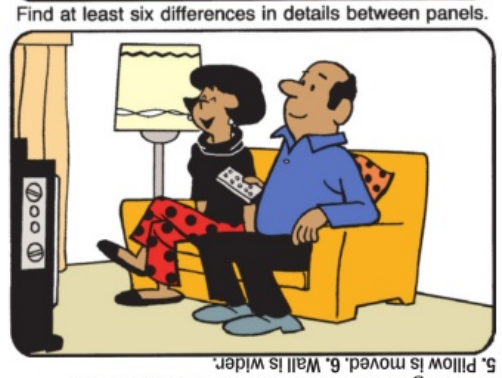


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Lamp shade is different. 2. Back of sofa is not as high. 3. Remote is smaller. 4. Foot is moved. 5. Pillow is moved. 6. Wall is wider.

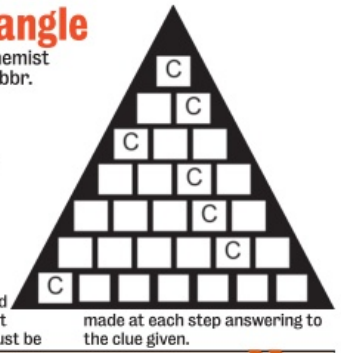
Riddler

Each statement describes two words that when fused together create a new unrelated word (not a compound word). The clues do not necessarily indicate in which order the two words are attached. Example: This is the oldness of a tablet (pill + age = pillage).

1) This is a royal golf score.
2) This is what you get from a bovine tongue.
3) This is a distant object.
4) This is a country of water barriers.

Alpha triangle

1 Carbon for the chemist
2 Air conditioner, abbr.
3 Head cover
4 Speed
5 Juicy fruit
6 Deliver a sermon
7 Book section



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

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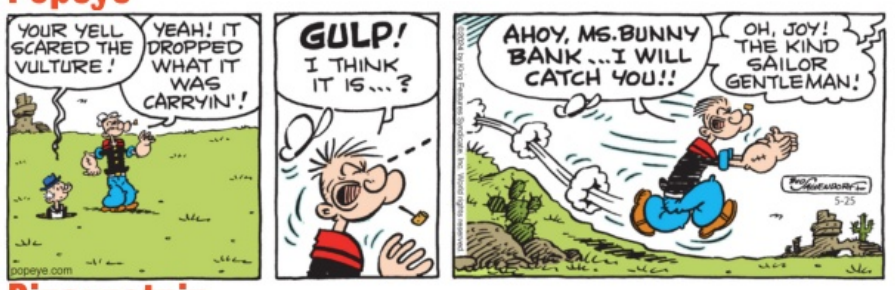
YOUR YELL SCARED THE VULTURE!
YEAH! IT DROPPED WHAT IT WAS CARRYIN'!
GULP! I THINK IT IS...?
AHOY, MS.BUNNY BANK...I WILL CATCH YOU!!
OH, JOY! THE KIND SAILOR GENTLEMAN!
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YEAH! IT'S NICE THAT THERE'S FREE STUFF LIKE THIS IN THE CITY.
I GUESS SO. WHY PAY FOR SOMETHING YOU CAN GET FOR FREE?
AND YOU GET TO MEET NEW PEOPLE! MY NAME'S LEE.
I THINK MY CRUSH ON LEE HAS GROWN THREE SIZES!
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WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you are blessed by Jupiter, boosting your confidence and decisiveness. You will be able to make important decisions without hesitation and may seize new opportunities effortlessly. Expect to spend quality time and money on family and friends. Lovebirds will enjoy happy moments together. Job seekers may find suitable opportunities with the help of friends.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
You might feel dull and unmotivated today. Arrogance could affect both your personal and professional life, leading to misunderstandings. A lack of confidence may prevent you from being creative at work. Try to stay calm and focus on positive interactions.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Your energy levels will be high, helping you perform well at work. Your hard work will finally pay off, boosting your confidence. Property-related disputes with siblings may now be resolved. A meeting with an influential person could bring new opportunities for your business.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
With the moon's blessings, you'll feel happy and optimistic. Your communication skills will open doors to new opportunities. Your polite nature will earn you respect, and colleagues may support you in making tough business decisions, enhancing your social reputation.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
The moon's positive influence makes this a great day for you. Your high energy will reflect in both your work and personal life. You may enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, improving domestic harmony. You might also start planning a new project, benefiting from your perfectionist approach. Job seekers will find good opportunities, while lovebirds should avoid unnecessary discussions.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
You might feel disappointed today. Be mindful of your words, as arrogance could lead to financial or personal losses. Lovebirds should approach conversations carefully to avoid misunderstandings that might affect their relationship.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
A sense of peace will prevail today. You may plan to invest in your business, increasing financial liquidity. Your earnings will help boost your savings. A romantic day awaits with your spouse, strengthening family harmony. Singles may find a suitable match, and lovebirds may decide to take their relationship to the next level by considering marriage.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
The positive moon turns your losses into profits. Your boss may appreciate your hard work, possibly leading to a promotion or job transfer. Hidden enemies and competitors will no longer be a threat. Singles and couples may make important marriage-related decisions with the support of friends and family.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
You'll feel more in control today. Travel plans, especially overseas, might be on the horizon. Your professional network will support you at work, and domestic harmony will improve. Creativity will shine through, inspiring you to bring home art or decor. You may also plan a movie night or an outing with family and friends.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Financial gains are expected at the start of the week. You'll find a balance between earnings and expenses, strengthening your financial stability. Your job performance will improve, and your boss may assign you new responsibilities, potentially leading to a promotion. You'll successfully recover any money lent out and keep competitors at bay. Health will also be in a better state.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may focus on home renovations or buying decorative items to maintain your social status. Domestic life will be harmonious, with a positive atmosphere between you and your spouse. Disputes with friends, co-workers, or business partners may be resolved. A favourable outcome in legal matters is also likely.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
With the moon's blessings, you will feel healthy, and any lingering health issues may be resolved. Stuck finances may be recovered, providing relief. You might also consider applying for a loan to buy luxury items or other valuable possessions.

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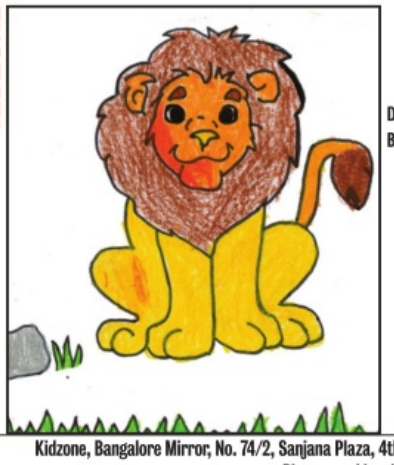

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Y	A	N	K	S

QUOTE UNCODE
Write something to suit yourself and many people will like it; write something to suit everybody and scarcely anyone will care for it.

STRIKE OUT

M	O	R	D	A	N	T		K	E	N	Y	A		
A		A		B		A	B	I	D	E		U		
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QUICK

G		E		A		S		K		E	N	Y	A	
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RIDDLER
1) par + king = parking,
2) cow + lick = cowlick,
3) far + thing = farthing
4) dam + nation = damnation

MENSA PUZZLE
6. Numbers in boxes from the second row up equal the average of the 2 numbers in the boxes directly below. Continue to the apex of the triangle.

SUDOKU

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2	4	3	6	5	8	1	9	7
1	8	6	2	9	7	3	4	5
8	3	1	9	7	5	6	2	4
7	2	5	4	6	1	9	3	8
9	6	4	8	3	2	7	5	1

ALPHA TRIANGLE
C, AG, Cap, Pace, Peach, Preach, Chapter.

GO FIGURE
Easy
8 + 7 − 9 + 2 = 8
Medium
6 + 3 x 4 + 3 = 39
Hard
7 − 3 + 5 + 4 = 13

LOOP

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 # Queer on screen
Actor-producer couple Richa Chadha and Ali Fazal will serve as presenters for the short film 'TAPS', an LGBTQ+ relationship drama by filmmaker Arvind Caulagi

It's all about IQ

DP finally discovers reason behind her introverted nature

Actress Deepika Padukone recently made a surprising revelation about her personality, uncovering the reason behind her introverted nature. The 'Fighter' actress took to her Instagram and reposted a video suggesting that intelligent people tend to enjoy being alone and are naturally inclined towards introversion.

In the clip, an Instagram user is heard saying, "Here's how you know somebody is intelligent. This is a simple theory and observation. The more intelligent someone is, the more they struggle with social interactions. Or, as he put it, the more intelligent someone is, the more at risk they are of becoming antisocial. Intelligent people like to be alone. They tend to be natural introverts. In fact, they have a small, select group of people they trust, and they feel a bit uncomfortable when surrounded by others, especially strangers."

Reposting the video, Deepika wrote, "Aah! I have always wondered why I am such an introvert… Now I know."

Meanwhile, the 'Piku' actress recently shared a delightful moment with her 'Fighter 'co-star Anil Kapoor and actor Kartik Aaryan at a public event in Mumbai. Deepika and Anil, known for their friendly chemistry, were spotted engaging in a cheerful conversation and exchanging pleasantries. The event also saw the presence of actor Jackie Shroff. In a video shared by a fan page, Deepika was seen

giving Kartik a warm hug. This was Padukone's second public appearance since becoming a mother. She welcomed her first child, a baby girl, with husband Ranveer Singh in September of last year.

On the work front, she was last seen in the blockbuster "Kalki 2898 AD," which also featured Prabhas, Amitabh Bachchan, and Kamal Haasan. Deepika also appeared in Rohit Shetty's cop drama "Singham Again" alongside Ranveer. In the action-packed drama, she played the role of Shakti Shetty, aka Lady Singham. —IANS

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In pursuit of passion

Raghu Bhat joins the list of software engineers turned film directors in Sandalwood. Bhat's maiden movie Nimagondu Sihi Suddi ('A sweet news for you') is scheduled for release on February 28. Bhat has also played the lead in the movie.

"I am a software engineer. I quit the job to explore my passion for movies. I quit my job in 2019 to direct this movie but had to wait for two years due to the pandemic. Prior to this, I used to write scripts for some movies and have also made short films. I took the decision to quit the job and focus on direction to reach the maximum number of audiences with my maiden movie," says Bhat.

It is said Bhat was a ghost writer for some script writers. "I felt very happy to see my scripts turned into movies. Later, I decided to try my hand in movies," he said, adding that Nimagondu Sihi Suddi is a romantic comedy.

Recently, the team organised a baby shower for Bhat at MMB Legacy. The movie is about a hero becoming pregnant. "There are some Hollywood movies that feature a pregnant man. A movie with similar concept was made in Malayalam but there is no connection between those movies and my film. Nimagondu Sihi Suddi is the first Kannada movie on such a subject," he said, adding that he has dedicated this movie to women.

A travelogue

Director Hayavadana has been busy making arrangements for the release of his maiden movie Yello Jogappa Nin Aramane that is scheduled for release on February 21. "I am excited about the release of the movie. The specialty of the movie is that it will transport audiences from Bengaluru to the Himalayas. It is an emotional journey that connects to all categories of audiences. Our team travelled from Bengaluru to the Himalayas via Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh and other states," said Hayavadana.

The team had memorable moments while shooting in Pandharpur in Maharashtra. "We shot a portion of the movie in Pandharpur where more than one lakh devotees had gathered. Other memorable moments came during the portion shot in the Himalayas. Veteran character actor Biradar came all the way to the Himalayas for the shoot," the director said. He said the movie has a message to society, especially those who focus on earning money and are not bothered about their roots. "The movie highlights the importance of happiness and satisfaction. One has to be satisfied with the available facilities," he said.

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